MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes ____

no ____

Property Name: Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church   Inventory Number: BA-3196

Address: 929 Ingleside Avenue   Historic district: ____ yes __X__ no

City: Catonsville   Zip Code: 21228   County: Baltimore County

USGS Quadrangle(s): Baltimore West

Property Owner: Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church   Tax Account ID Number: 1700005481

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 40   Tax Map Number: 95

Project: Red Line Corridor Transit Study   Agency: Mass Transit Administration

Agency Prepared By: John Milner Associates, Inc.

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Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ____ Eligibility recommended   __X__ Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: __ A __ B __ C __ D   Considerations: __ A __ B __ C __ D __ E __ F __ G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: .

Inventory Number: _____   Eligible: ____ yes   Listed: ____ yes

Site visit by MHT Staff ____ yes __X__ no   Name: _____   Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Emmanuel Lutheran Church is a two-story, gable-front Gothic Revival-Romanesque Revival brick church, with a cross wing at the west end of the nave. The steep=gabled asphalt roof is adorned by a metal cross at the east gable peak, and has a narrow hexagonal steeple along the gable peak near the east end. The nave has a gable-end main entrance, secondary side entrances, and projecting brick buttresses with stepped stone caps on all of its major sides. The front of the church nave is three bays wide with a massive two-story recessed center bay flanked by buttresses. The entrance bay has a large double Roman arched top, sheltering a second-floor rose window with an arcaded corbel table below it. On the first floor is a smaller Roman arched recess containing the double-leaf paneled front doors. On either side of the main entrance bay are two stepped Roman arched lancet-shaped stained-glass windows which light interior stairwells. Each side of the nave's main block is four bays deep, with the easternmost bays containing secondary entrances with Roman-arched double doors similar to those on the front. The remaining bays each contain a pair of large windows with Roman arched tops, operable bottom sections, and amber diamond-paned stained glass sash. The cross-gable wings are slightly shorter than the main block, and are two bays long and one bay wide. The south wing has a triple lancet window on the second floor and a one-story projecting gabled entrance on the first floor. The north wing has a two-story stained glass window with a four-centered arch top.

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services   Date

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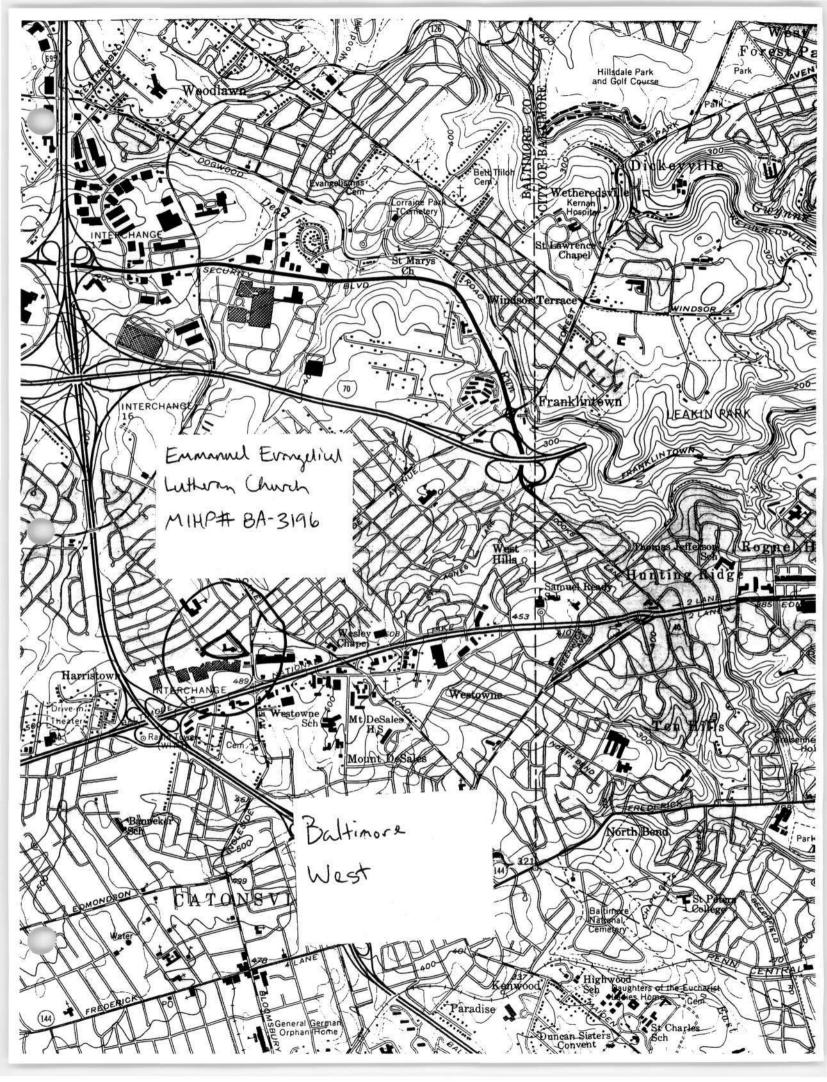Reviewer, National Register Program   Date

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At the rear of the nave is another gabled cross-wing parallel to the first cross-wing. On the south side of the church, a large brick chimney tower rises from this section. On the north side of the church, this wing has been extended in a newer addition with a large brick and concrete access ramp from the front of the main church. There are other new additions at the rear. Behind the church is a two-story, flat-roofed modern school building with multiple wings.

Emmanuel English Evangelical Lutheran Church originally formed in 1888 at a downtown location at Schroeder and Booth Sts. It was the first English-speaking church in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. The church moved to a site at Schroeder and Pierce Sts., and then to Edmondson and Warwick Aves. in 1914. A new stone church was erected at this site, located in developing West Baltimore. The church had outgrown its old location, and many members had left downtown to reside in West Baltimore, which was part of the reason for selection of this site. However, the congregation continued to grow, the West Baltimore neighborhood became subject to demographic shifts which prompted members to move westward over the city line, and the congregation eventually wished to start an affiliated parochial school. Land was purchased on Edmondson Ave. in Catonsville in 1953, but the congregation was then notified that the planned Baltimore Beltway was to cross this site. A six-acre site on Ingleside Avenue was subsequently purchased and construction began. The new church building was to retain a number of elements from the Edmondson Avenue church, including the marble altar, lectern, pulpit, baptismal font, and two memorial windows. Emmanuel Christian Day School, located behind the church, opened in the fall of 1956. The completed church and school were dedicated on 7 April 1957. Historic photos show that the steeple was not present on the original building and was added sometime later. The steeple was probably built ca. 1967-1968 to house a new memorial bell carillon that was dedicated in June 1968.

Emmanuel Lutheran was part of a common trend of white congregations moving out of the city due to massive population shifts, which were most dramatic following each of the World Wars. The typical pattern was that white citizens left the inner city to move to the suburbs, while blacks moved into formerly white city neighborhoods. White city churches in these neighborhoods typically saw their membership scatter to more suburban quarters. In order to retain members and survive, these churches usually sold their buildings to black churches and moved outward to follow their members, resulting in the construction of many new churches in developing suburbs during the 1920s-1960s. Emmanuel Lutheran was somewhat unusual in that the church underwent this process twice, and that the moves were prompted not only by neighborhood demographic changes but by the need for additional space, and, in the second move, the desire to start a school.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church is an intact and richly detailed hybrid of Gothic Revival and Romanesque Revival architectural styles, and as such is not an example of either style. Though it has much more detail and was built in a more "historical" style than most churches of this period, it is not highly distinctive, and as such, does not meet NRHP Criterion C under the terms of Criteria Consideration A. Though this congregation was important as the first English-speaking Lutheran church in its synod, the current building has little association with this fact, as numerous English-speaking Lutheran churches had formed by the time of its construction. Emmanuel Lutheran was also part of a common urban-suburban relocation trend, but it is one of many such churches, and this fact alone is not enough to convey significance. Research has not shown the church to be associated with significant persons or events, and it has little potential to yield important information. It is recommended not eligible for the NRHP.

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